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REF ROME 1534

1. U.S.G. FINDS THAT SUGGESTED GUIDELINES ARE BASICALLY NOT
PROBEMATICAL. SECRETARIAT'S DILIGENT EFFORTS IN THIS MATTER
ARE APPRECIATED. HOWEVER, PROCEDURAL QUESTION ENCOUNTERED IN
ITEM C. (VII). THE CALL FOR CONSULTATIONS ON PROPOSALS FOR
REMEDIAL ACTION WOULD SEEM TO US BETTER HANDLED UNDER THE AEGIS
OF GATT RATHER THAN FAO. GATT VENUE WOULD LEND ITSELF TO
RESOLUTION OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS BY REMEDIAL ACTION. GATT IS THE
ONLY FORUM WHERE COUNTRIES OPERATE UNDER LEGALLY APPLICABLE

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RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS.

2. BELIEVE THAT ISSUANCE OF TWO REPORTS AS ENVISIONED BY IG CHAIRMAN WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUES FACING INTERNATIONAL MEAT TRADE. AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, OECD IS HOLDING MEETING OF WORKING PARTY ON MEAT IN LATE APRIL AT WHICH TIME A REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL MEAT SITUATION WILL BE GENERATED. BELIEVE THAT THIS OECD REPORT WOULD SERVE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED INTERIM FAO REPORT. HOWEVER, IF SECRETARIAT FEELS PRESSING NEED TO ISSUE AN INTERIM REPORT, THIS OECD REPORT COULD WELL SERVE AS THE BASIS AND COUNTRIES COULD BE REQUESTED TO SUPPLEMENT DATA AT A LATER DATE FOR INCLUSION IN FAO DOCUMENT TO BE DEVELOPED FOR EVENTUAL MEETING OF IG ON MEAT. FURTHER, USG BELIEVES THAT ANY SUCH FAO REPORT SHOULD BE THE SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT AND NOT RPT NOT DRAFT ISSUED BY IG CHAIRMAN. KISSINGER

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